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Don Moses, tram operator, said he has worked the tramway for three years and heard and seen just about every type of reaction to riding up the 1,753-foot climb.

"We've had some that get up here and they're screaming at the top of their lungs. We just usually make them stay on and ride right back down.

"But we had one lady who got up here and I thought we'd never get her back down. She wouldn't leave and it took about four hours for us to convince her to get back on and go down," Moses said.

Although there are those who don't seem to care for the ride, Moses said they are in the minority.

"We get literally thousands of people up here every year and they all seem to really love it. For the most part the people who come up are tourists just passing through. Most of the locals only come up once in a lifetime. We get lots of Europeans and Japanese — they're used to riding things like this," Moses said.

The tram opens each year at the first of May and closes toward the end

of October, Nelson said. At the top of the tramway sits a large building where every Saturday night, during those months the tram is open, a dance is held. Special activities are also allowed.

"We've had two weddings up here this year and lots of ward and stake activities. We even rent it out for family reunions," Moses said.

Robert L. Griffin of Bartlesville, Okla., rode the tram to the top while his wife stayed on the solid ground below.

"I really like it, but I'm not scared of heights. I tried to explain to her that she flew out here on a plane that was 35,000 feet up and this was even lower than that — but she just wouldn't listen," Griffen said.

Besides the tram ride, Nelson said the owners of Bridal Veil Falls Park have been developing several facilities on the ground. There are several picnic areas that can be used free of charge and there is a trout pond at the bottom of the falls.

"For a lot of years we've just concentrated on the falls, but now we've really been trying to improve things down here in the canyon," Nelson said.

There is a gift shop that sells local crafts and a snack bar. Next year Nelson said an new amphitheater will present plays and musicals.